

# BRENTOR CHURCH

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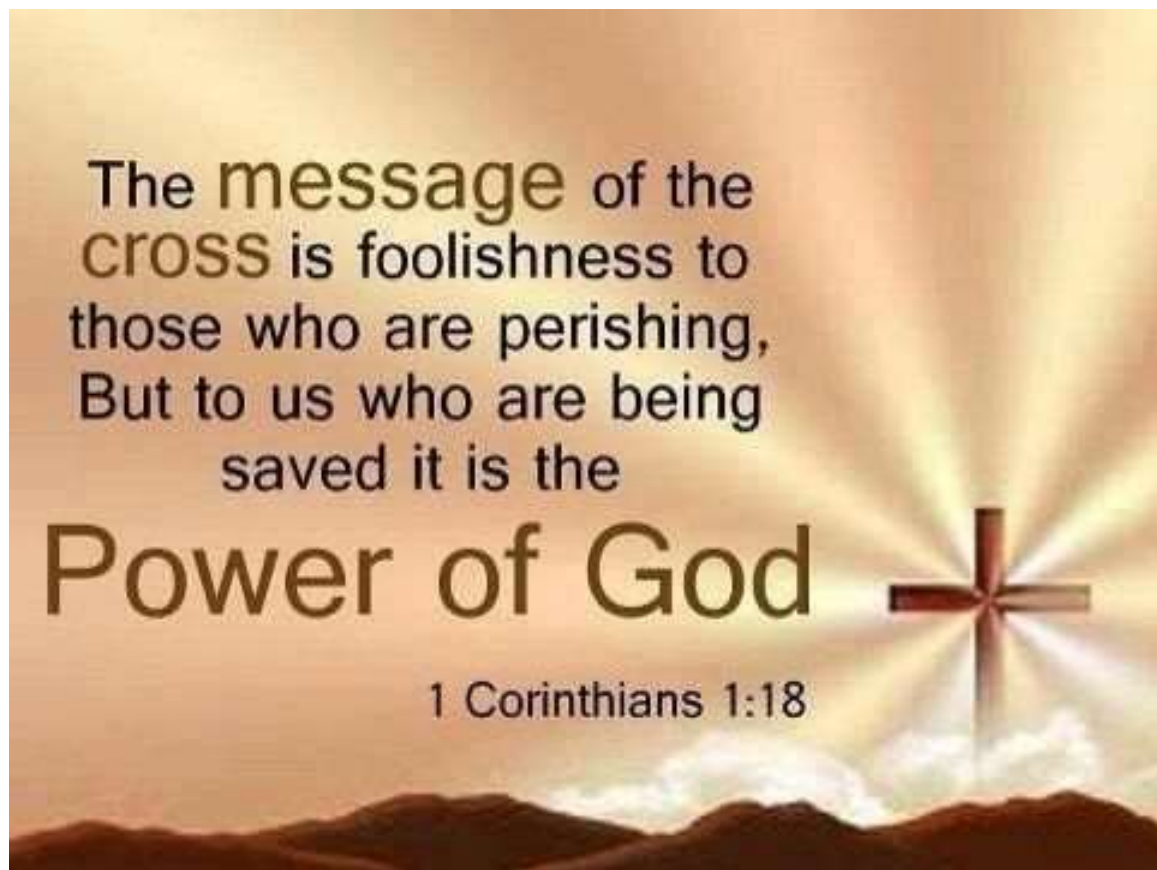
3rd Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

Led by

The Very Reverend Christopher Hardwick

And the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland



We warmly welcome everyone joining our  
service

# Welcome

## The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All: and also with you.**

## Prayer of Preparation

**All: Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Hymn 621 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind**

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.
- 3 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.
- 4 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

## **Prayers of Penitence**

### **Invitation to Confession**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.  
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy spirit from me:

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### **The Absolution**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever

**All: Amen**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### **Old Testament Reading**

#### **Exodus 20:1-17**

**20** Then God spoke all these words:

**2** I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; **3** you shall have no other gods before me.

**4** You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. **5** You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, **6** but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**7** You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

**8** Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. **9** For six days you shall labour and do all your work. **10** But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. **11** For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

**12** Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

**13** You shall not murder.

**14** You shall not commit adultery.

**15** You shall not steal.

**16** You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

**17** You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

#### **Psalm 19:7-14**

**7** The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**the testimony of the Lord is sure**

**and gives wisdom to the simple.**

**8** The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;

**the commandment of the Lord is pure**

**and gives light to the eyes.**

**9** The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;

**the judgements of the Lord are true**

**and righteous altogether.**

10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
**sweeter also than honey,**  
**dripping from the honeycomb.**

11 By them also is your servant taught  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often they offend**  
**O cleanse me from my secret faults!**

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins  
lest they get dominion over me;  
**so shall I be undefiled,**  
**and innocent of great offence.**

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
**O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

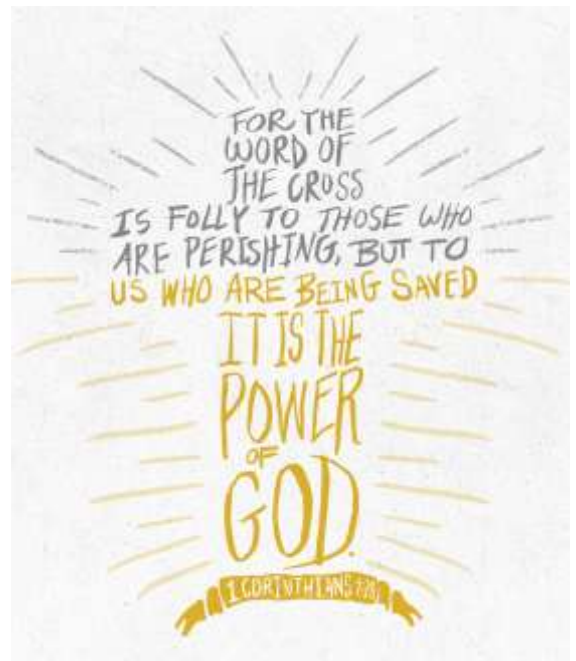
### **New Testament Reading**

#### **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

**18** For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

**20** Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? **21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. **22** For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, **23** but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, **24** but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.



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### **The Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## John 2:13-22

**13** The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. **15** Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. **16** He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' **17** His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' **18** The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' **19** Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' **20** The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' **21** But he was speaking of the temple of his body. **22** After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoke

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

I ask you to stand to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All:** We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**All:** We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All:** We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All:** This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### Prayers of Intercession

Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful Father,

**All:** accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

#### **The Peace**

God is love  
and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All:** And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

#### **Preparation of the Table**

#### ***Hymn 664: How Sweet the name of Jesus Sounds***

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.
- 3 Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.
- 4 Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.
- 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 6 `Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.



Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer B**

*The president says*

The Lord is here.

**All: His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

### **Proper Preface** *when appropriate*

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine



may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All: Lord, by your death and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father,  
calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice  
made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All:** Though we are many,  
we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

## **Agnus Dei**

**All:** Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
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you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.

## **The Invitation to Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

## **The Giving of Communion**

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## **Hymn 595** *Be thou my vision*

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

## ***The Dismissal***


**Blessing:** The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
... and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,  
the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen**



**Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers:** Chris Vigers, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Edward Walter, Lydia, Margaret, Lin Bristow and Tom.

**Please pray** for the souls of the recently departed, especially their family and friends.

**Your prayers this week are asked for:**

**Mon-** The Women's World Day of Prayer from Vanuatu, last Friday.

**Tues-** All Christians around the World joining in prayer.

**Wed-** Hope as the vaccine is reaching more and more people.

**Thurs-** Those around the world suffering natural disasters.

**Fri-** Those in conflicts unable to escape.

**Sat-** The beginning of spring and new beginnings.

**Next Week:**

**9:45:** Prayer and Praise with Wendy Roderick.

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